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## DR. CURTIS TO REMAIN

### EMINENT SURGEON LOCATES IN WASHINGTON.

Wide Experience as Head of Freedmen's Hospital Gives Special Fitness for General Services—Ideal Office and Thorough Surgical Equipment.

Dr. Austin M. Curtis, late surgeon-in-chief of Freedmen's Hospital, has permanently located in this city for the practice of medicine.

This pleasing bit of information was communicated to Dr. Curtis' host of friends a few days ago through the medium of a neat personal card announcing that he had secured the commodious quarters at 1535 14th street n. w., just vacated by the finance department of the A. M. E. Church. Washington with its many cultured and enterprising colored people is a splendid field for a competent physician, and all agree that Dr. Curtis' decision to remain here is a wise one.

During his incumbency of nearly four years as the head of the largest Negro hospital in the world, his affable manner, courteous treatment of high and low, and thoroughness of work, created a most favorable impression upon the community, and the wide opportunity for handling cases of the most difficult character, gave him a varied experience not possible elsewhere. He re-enters the arena of general practice, therefore, with an assured clientele of patients, and better prepared than before for treating skillfully every form of disease that flesh is heir to.

He will need no introduction to the nation's capital. Not only is he a master of the general practice, but he is especially prepared for prompt service in all classes of surgery, by virtue of the exacting emergency work at Freedmen's Hospital. He has had wonderful success in cases of abdominal surgery—a very dangerous branch of practice of the proximity of the patient's vitals. To her surgery he will give attention.

Representative of *The Colored American* as shown through Dr. Curtis' office, and was struck by the convenience and happiness of all he found there. The new paper and new apartment us from the cosy reception of the operating department. The equipment of instruments, patented couches, etc., for operations in the latter room is striking. Perhaps no other country can boast a surgical apparatus that Dr. Curtis may be feeling just a little proud of his collection, covering as it does everything needed in major or minor surgery.

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## MEN OF THE HOUR.



DR. AUSTIN M. CURTIS.

Late Surgeon-in-Chief at Freedmen's Hospital.  
Now Permanently Located in Washington for General Practice.

ern car line, within easy reach of all the others, and in the heart of the best residence section of the city. The apartments are arranged with the idea of affording the highest degree of privacy and personal comfort of patients. The place could not have been more admirably adapted to the purposes of a high-grade physician had it been built to order. Already Dr. Curtis has been consulted by numerous citizens, and he has excellent reason to take a rosy view of his future.

Dr. Curtis is a modest man, and our reporter found difficulty in drawing him out concerning his personal or professional achievements. So pronounced is this quality that he has frequently permitted credit for his labors to be absorbed by others less conscientious and without protest. He is a firm believer in the leveling power of time, and holds that unobtrusive merit is sure to be ultimately vindicated by the natural course of events.

He is one of the best known physicians in the country, although a young man, and no surgeon enjoys a finer reputation among experts than A. M. Curtis. He made his start in Chicago gathered unto himself a large share of

the hustling spirit that abound in the city by the lake. After graduating he entered the Chicago City Hospital and later became a surgeon at Providence Hospital. He served with so much distinction then that when a proper successor to Dr. D. H. Williams had to be found, the logic of the situation pointed to Austin M. Curtis. He won the prize on his merits in a rigid competitive examination and in the spring of 1898 he became surgeon-in-chief of Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C.—the Mecca of the Afro-American physicians of the land.

His services there are familiar to everybody. He managed carefully; his discipline was kind, but firm, and the operations were the talk of the town. The bulk of the latter he performed in person, to avoid possibility of accident. Among the most noted cases that came under his skill were two operations for the Caesarian section, both being upon the same woman. This is a rare thing in medical annals and usually fatal. So successful was he, however, that the woman was seen on the streets last week, alive and

## UPLIFTING THOUGHTS.

### THE MANY-SIDED GENIUS OF REV. H. T. JOHNSON.

Valuable Versatility Display and Political Acumen Disclosed in 'Johnson's Gems,' Tuskegee Topics and Editorial Etching.

Rev. H. T. Johnson, D. D., Ph. D., is a many-sided genius. He comes before the public in so many guises—and all of them are pleasing—that we are inclined to invest him with the graces of a smiling Proteus.

He is a man of broad culture and wide experience. As a minister he has wielded a vast influence as a spiritual leader. As editor of the *Christian Recorder*, his pen has moulded a healthy sentiment for the church and its workers. As a lecturer his eloquence has charmed and thrilled thousands throughout the land. He gives to everything he touches the magnetic force of his engaging, yet strong personality. His thorough mastery of detail, his purity of motive, his felicity of utterance all tend to explain the wonderful hold he has upon the people with whom he is brought into contact.

The man who can say a thing which the whole world has clamored for time out of mind—and can say it daintily and originally—has a "sublime sense of the eternal fitness of things."

He makes a little world of his own, and chains the intellect of his kingdom.

Dr. Johnson is nothing if not practical. He is no dreamer. He likes practical people and sustains those who back up theories with results. Nor is he so bound to ecclesiastics that he cannot understand and apply the philosophy taught by secular current events. In no better way is this illustrated than by his quick grasp of the animus of jealousy that has led some short-sighted persons to seek the undoing of Booker T. Washington. In his own scholarly way he champions the cause of his friend and sustains the position *The Colored American* recently took upon the same subject—Washington and politics. Dr. Johnson comments in this wise and "says it all."

"The opinion that Booker T. Washington has jeopardized his prestige and usefulness by entering the sphere of politics appears to be causing needless concern on the part of a few individuals not in rapport with the creed, success or eminence of the great educator and leader. If there is one thing above another and yet another to which the success of Mr. Washington is traceable and on which his continued good fortune rests, it is his ability to endure the fires of constant misrepresentation in silence, plodding heroically along meanwhile in unselfish devotion to both his race variety and

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